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setting section in the image forming apparatus body. A projecting member 161 formed into a drill-like shape in cross section is molded integrally with or fixed to the upper portion of the nozzle 160 disposed in the setting section. An air supplying path 162 and a toner supplying path 163 are provided continuously from the projecting member 161. The inside of the nozzle 160 is formed into a double-pipe structure. The toner supplying path 163 is bent leftward in Fig. 4 at the lower end of the nozzle 160, and further, the toner connecting port 65 connected to the toner conveying tube 149 is disposed at the tip of the toner supplying path 163. Moreover, the air supplying path 162 is bent rightward in Fig. 4 above the toner supplying path 163, and reaches an air connecting port 164.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 4 and 20-22 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1 and 8 to read as follows:¹

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1. (Amended) A color image forming apparatus comprising:
a transfer belt device which feeds a transfer member; and
a plurality of image forming units, which are disposed facing towards the transfer belt device,
wherein each of the image forming unit forms a desired image and sequentially transfers the formed image on the transfer member fed by the transfer belt device,
wherein the transfer belt device at least in a portion in which the image forming units have been disposed is arranged such that it is inclined with respect to the ground, and
wherein an angle of inclination of the transfer belt device with respect to the ground is between 35° and 55°.

¹A marked-up copy of the changes made to this claim is attached.

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8. (Amended) A color image forming apparatus comprising:

a transfer belt device which feeds a transfer member; and

a plurality of image forming units, which are disposed facing towards the transfer belt device,

wherein each of the image forming unit forms a desired image and sequentially transfers the formed image on the transfer member fed by the transfer belt device,

wherein the transfer belt device at least in a portion in which the image forming units have been disposed is arranged such that it is inclined with respect to the ground,

wherein each of the image forming units includes,

a rotary image carrier; and

a developing unit which develops a latent image formed on the image carrier with a toner located in a lower right quadrant when the transfer belt device in the image forming unit is positioned in a lower left quadrant as viewed in an axial direction in which the image carrier is rotated, and

wherein the cleaning unit of a lower one of the image forming units adjacent to each other and the developing unit of an upper one of the image forming units adjacent to each other are arranged at positions partly overlapping with each other in a vertical direction.